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Rev. Amos A. Phelps,
Boston
Massachusetts

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William Goodell.

Utica Aug. 29. 1839.

Dear Bro. Phelps,

In compliance ^{with} your request of 6th inst. I would forward you a list of the names of the more prominent abolitionists in this State. This list is made out by Bro. Chaplin at my request, as his extensive traveling in the State enables him to do it more intelligently than I could do. In making it out he had referred to a list of about 2,500 or 3,000 names which we have in the Anti Slavery office and he has endeavored to select the most prominent. How they will stand on the great question now pending in Massachusetts he is unable to tell in most instances. The list includes the names of a few Quakers who, Bro. Chaplin thinks, should have an opportunity of seeing your documents, and understanding your side of the question. Bro. Chaplin has lately rec^d letters from Western N. York informing that the Quakers in that region are much opposed by the proceedings at Albany ^{the Convention} and are inclined strongly to sympathize with Bro. Garrison. I had a short interview with Gerrit Smith yesterday. He is decidedly strong against Garrison's course on political action, as he says his forth coming letter in the Liberator will show. But he does not seem to understand the connexion between that and the "Women Question". He thinks we must receive delegates as they are sent by Auxiliaries, male or female. — I apprehend difficulty on this subject. — My plan for our next Anniversary in Utica in September (8th) is to dispense altogether with the making out of any "Roll of Delegates" and if possible keep the question from being agitated. If it creeps in and is extensively agitated I have little hope of preserving anything like unanimity or peace in our ranks as at present constituted. — You inquire — "How goes the Reformer? Why not start it here? & start it for Religion & reform too?" —

Please understand that it is for "religion & reform too" that the paper is to be started, if at all. And that this is the precise point in which it is intended to cover a new ground. I judge the fate here is as good as in Boston for commencing it — perhaps better — And I am already besides the Reformer which I am getting it under way. I am not quite certain, but think I shall make a trial of it in the course of the Autumn.

I remain yours truly
Wm Goodell

To Bro Geo Russell

The last paragraphs of my letter to Bro. Phelps which he will show you, will answer, in the main, the questions you proposed to me. — If there is any way in which you can aid me in circulating the "Christian Reformer" I shall be happy to hear from you on the subject

Yours truly
Wm Goodell